ment to secure cooperation of the Soviet Union in new areas of industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) and (b) in the continuing effort to seek new areas of production cooperation between India and the Soviet Union, some new areas have been broadly identified by Indo-Soviet Working Group on Machine Building and Production Cooperation. These are in an exploratory stage.

Assistance to Andhra Government for reviving sick small scale industries

1799. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of Industry be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial assistance has been given by the Central Government to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for reviving sick small-scale industries in that State; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount given by the Central Government to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. With a view to assisting the State Governments in reducing the incidence of sickness amongst small scale units and to ensure greater utilisation of capacity installed, the Central Government is administering since 1983-84 a margin money scheme for revival of sick small scale units to supplement the efforts of State Governments, the Reserve Bank of India, Commercial Banks and other institutions in this regard. The Central Government makes available loan assistance under this scheme on a matching basis to State Governments insterested in participation in the scheme. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh availed of Central loan assistance under this scheme during 1983-84.

(b) The total amount sanctioned under this scheme to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh was Rs. 5 lakhs.

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Consultant for power projects

1801. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether approval of a consultant for the three gas based power projects at Kawas in Gujarat, Anta in Rajasthan and Auriya in Uttar Pradesh which were allotted to the National Thermal Power Corporation in 1985 has since been accorded;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total installed capacity of the three plants; and

(d) by when the three projects will be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY. (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The scope of consultancy covers review of specifications, technical evaluation of bids, detailed engineering, preparation of engineering documents and Manuals and assistance for supervision in erection, testing and commissioning of plant.

(c) The total installed capacity (nominal rating) of the three projects is 1630 M.W.

(d) The first gas turbine unit in each of the Project is planned to be commissioned 24 months after the date of placement of order for the main plant and equipment and the other units at intervals of two months thereafter. The first unit of the steam turbine is planned to be commissioned 36 months after the date of placement of order at each of the projects and the second unit 4 months thereafter.

Power shortage in Andhra Pradesh

1802. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh is facing acute power shortage due to paucity of funds;

(b) if so, what amount of money has been asked for by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for development of power resources during the Seventh Plan and the amount actually allotted by the Central Government for the purpose; and

(c) whether Government are aware that reduced allocation for power production is likely to lead to a fall in production in industrial and agricultural sectors and adversely affect the economy of the State and if so, what is the reaction of Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) During the period April-October, 1986, Andhra Pradeh was by and large able to meet its requirement of power and no power cuts/ restrictions were in force in the State.

(b) and (c) The approved outlay for the Power Sector during the Seventh Plan for Andhra Pradesh is Rs. 1104.90 crores against Rs. 1500 crores asked for by the State. The State could contain the above approved outlay for the power sector based on the available resources for the State Plan. The power availability in Andhra Pradesh is augmented by its share from Central Sector Projects in the Southern Region.

Wage revision of coal mine workers

1803 SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether wage revision of coal mine workers is due now; and

(b) whether there is any proposal under consideration to evolve a national wage policy for the public sector undertakings including Coal India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) (a) The wage revision will be due after 31.12.1986.

(b) Yes, Sir.

New process of coal production

1804. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new process for the mechanised production of domestic coal has been developed by Coal India Ltd. so as to minimise air pollution and recover a valuable by-product Tar; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Central Mine Planning and Design Institute has developed a new technology of mechanised production